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In Re U.S. Patent Application ) Art Unit:  
Applicant: SCHUMACHER *et al.* ) Not Yet Assigned  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
Filed: )  
For: **PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR** )  
**DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY** )  
**OF ENZYMES IN LIQUIDS, OR** )  
**THE CONCENTRATION** )  
**AND/OR ACTIVITY OF** )  
**INHIBITORS IN LIQUIDS** )  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract page.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-12 and 14-27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for measuring enzyme activities in liquids[, which comprises]  
comprising withdrawing enzyme inhibitors, [that correspond] said enzyme inhibitors  
corresponding to at least one of the enzymes in the sample, adding a substrate to [a] the sample  
[manipulated in this manner,] so as to get cleavage products from the substrate by reacting with

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